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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR FIELD SUPPORT
SPECIALIST PORTLAND USEAC, ELIZABETH VARGA.

REF: USDOC 02958

1. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS GRANTED FOR FIELD
SUPPORT SPECIALIST PORTLAND USEAC ELIZABETH VARGA.
MS. VARGA WILL BE SERVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE TDY AND
WILL BE WORKING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN MADRID
FROM JULY 9 THRU JULY 24, 2004 AND IN BARCELONA FROM
JULY 16 THRU 20, 2004.

2. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MS. VARGA
AT MIGUEL ANGEL HOTEL IN MADRID. ADDRESS: CALLE
MIGUEL ANGEL, 31, TEL.: 91/452- 05 30. IN BARCELONA
AT HOTEL ACTUAL 3. ADDRESS: CALLE ROSELLO, 238
(ESQUINA PASSEIG DE GRACIA), TEL.: 93/552 05 50.

3. TRAVELER SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SPAIN REQUIRES A
VISA FOR OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

4. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

IN GENERAL, SPAIN IS SAFE. HOWEVER, MADRID,
BARCELONA AND OTHER LARGE CITIES IN SPAIN -
INCLUDING RESORT/CONVENTION AREAS SUCH AS
BENIDORM - ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS AND
PICKPOCKETS AND FREQUENT INCIDENTS OF CRIME OF
OPPORTUNITY AGAINST THE UNWARY DO OCCUR. CARRY ONLY
ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCLUDING A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR
PASSPORT'S PHOTO PAGE. VISITORS CAN PROTECT
THEMSELVES AGAINST CRIME BY BEING STREET-SMART,
ALERT AND AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. IN THE EVENT
YOU ARE VICTIMIZED BY CRIME, OR EXPERIENCE ANY
SECURITY-RELATED INCIDENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE
EMBASSY'S REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE AT 91-587-2550 OR
AFTER HOURS AT 91-587-2355. OFFICIAL VISITORS TO
THE EMBASSY IN MADRID OR THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN
BARCELONA ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE A SECURITY
BRIEFING FROM THE RSO OFFICE AT THEIR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SPAIN IS AVAILABLE ON THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S WEBSITE
([HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV](http://www.state.gov)) AND THE U.S. EMBASSY'S
WEBSITE ([WWW.EMBUSA.ES](http://www.embusa.es)).

TRAVELERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE MOST RECENT
WORLDWIDE CAUTION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION ON ANY POTENTIAL SECURITY THREATS TO
AMERICANS OVERSEAS, IT SHARES CREDIBLE THREAT
INFORMATION THROUGH ITS CONSULAR INFORMATION PROGRAM
DOCUMENTS, AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT
[HTTP://TRAVEL/STATE.GOV](http://TRAVEL/STATE.GOV). IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION
ON THE INTERNET, U.S. TRAVELERS CAN HEAR RECORDED
INFORMATION BY CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 202-647-5225 FROM THEIR TOUCH-
TONE TELEPHONE, OR RECEIVE INFORMATION BY AUTOMATED
TELEFAX BY DIALING 202-647-3000 FROM THEIR FAX
MACHINE.
(CS/KUCHOVA/ORTEGA). MANZANARES.

1Press F9 after you type the information requested at
bottom left of your screen.

2Press F9 after you type the information requested at
bottom left of your screen.